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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 00-450-A)

PATENT

In re Application of: **Polverino et al.**)
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Serial No.: **09/724,000**) **Before the Examiner:** **S. Rawlings**
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Filed: **November 28, 2000**) **Group Art Unit:** **1642**
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For: **Secreted Epithelial Colon Stromal-1 Molecules and Uses Thereof)**)

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTION MAILED SEPTEMBER 23, 2002

Responsive to the Advisory Action mailed September 23, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENTS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 40-42 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend the following claims:

9. (Twice Amended) A polypeptide having an amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 5 produced by a process comprising:

(a) culturing a host cell containing a vector comprising a nucleic acid having a nucleotide sequence:

(i) as set forth in SEQ ID NO. 4;

(ii) of a DNA insert encoding a Secs-1 polypeptide in ATCC Deposit No. PTA-1755; or